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My name is James R. Reynolds III. As a concerned licensed Amateur Radio Operator, Voter and citizen I wish to submit the following document for your consideration prior to your making any rules and changes relating to Amateur Radio licenses, License structure or the requirements to obtain an FCC Amateur Radio License.

In the Amateur Radio Relay League's (ARRL) written material supporting the NPRM, the author states the ARRL is representing the views and wishes of the membership. I want to insure you that the league is not carrying forward the views and opinions of the membership but rather the commercial interest of advertisers, the interest of increased revenues from a broader membership base resulting from relaxed license requirements and is in general standing on a self serving platform disguised by rhetoric of membership and Amateur Radio Operators wishes and desires.

The written test for all licenses, as it is now, is a fair representation of knowledge and expertise needed for the class license the test represents. The frequencies and power restrictions imposed on each license is fairly allocated and poses no restriction on any person whom may wish to obtain the Amateur License. Actually, the written test requires but a minimal effort and study time investment for entry-level licenses. I have surveyed many hundreds of Amateur Operators and over 98% agree that the license exams as is reflect more than fairly the knowledge needed for each class.

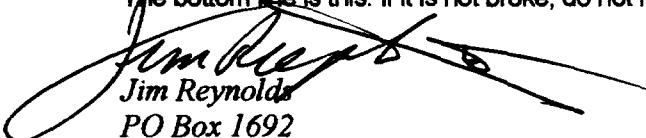
The Morse Code Requirements that are in effect today are more than fair and contrary to the ARRL's position, support more than compliance to the ITU requirements. In fact, Morse Code is the only part of the exam to become licensed that requires a dedicated effort and time investment. This one requirement is absolutely the "right to passage" into Amateur Radio which separates the "wheat from the shaft". I can tell you from experience that a working knowledge of Morse code has saved lives and relieved the stress and worry of thousands during emergencies then any other mode of communication employed in Amateur service. After the devastating Earth quake of 1989 in central California, when all the Digital modes were knocked off line, all the repeaters were with out power, voice communications eating reserve and emergency power to quickly for any sustained communications time that the ONLY mode that got emergency traffic out of the area most heavily devastated for a week was Morse Code. And if the Amateur Operators had not been proficient to handle traffic messages at speeds of at least 13 - 20 words per minute the Amateur Community wouldn't have provided the huge public service to the citizens as we did. God forbid a nuclear incident or accident if communications are to be desirable if you allow the ARRL to remove or degrade the Morse Requirements. With the increasing tendency in this great nation to want or even expect something for nothing, I expected to see such a proposal introduced sooner or later, but I did not expect it to come from the ARRL claiming to represent the membership. Everyone knows the learning curve (or "walls") of difficulty in learning code. The ARRL proposes to move the requirement just under those "walls" instead of maintaining the requirement that insures a working knowledge of the communications mode.

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This position to reduce the code requirement is based on nothing of value to the Amateur Community, the ITU nor the FCC but solely in support of financial gains projected by the ARRL, and bending over to the masses which will fill the frequencies which value something for nothing invested. What will the message be to those who put forth the effort to obtain something of value, the Amateur license, if the ARRL gets its way with this proposal? What a slap in the face to all of us who have worked so hard for our License and are proud of it and what it means it will be if you allow the ARRL to profit by pulling the wool over your eyes and influencing you to degrade a system that has worked fine for many years.

I can certainly appreciate your position of lessening the burden on your agency of maintaining the records, issuing Licenses and labor involved in support of our Amateur service. I would gladly pay a license fee to your agency to keep this service a valid and respectable license. If your agency charged a small license fee, you could generate enough funds to maintain additional staff for licensing and enforcement of the service as currently defined under part 97.

The bottom line is this: If it is not broke, do not fix it. And it isn't broken now.



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From: Frederick L Porth CK2GKS

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Commissioners:

I hold a General Class
license. I have been a Radio
Amateur operator since 1952.

My comments on license
restructuring.

Have (3) three classes of
licensing (which is the goal of the F.C.C.)

A. Extra @ 10 W.P.M. Code Pro

B. General @ 13 W.P.M. " "

C. Tech. C @ 5 W.P.M. " "

Other comments are explained
in detail by attached letter from Mr
J. J. Keating.

Sincerely

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